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Colorado AmeriCorps Program Guide



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Thank you for your interest in the AmeriCorps program. Colorado has many excellent AmeriCorps*State and National programs situated throughout the state, as well as an AmeriCorps*NCCC Campus and many AmeriCorps*VISTA project sites. These programs engage diverse members in a variety of service projects in locations around the state.

The AmeriCorps member's commitment is for nine-months to one-year of service (depending on the program). The majority of Colorado AmeriCorps programs are seeking full-time members; however, there are part-time and reduced time opportunities available in some programs. Full-time members serving 1,700 hours are eligible for an educational award of \$4,725 at the end of their term of service. This award can be used for tuition or past educational loans. Half-time members serving 900 hours are eligible for an educational award of \$2,362 at the end of their term of service. Other terms of service receive a prorated education award.

The following pages provide information on all AmeriCorps programs in Colorado, including contact person, address, phone number, brief description of the program, and type of activities AmeriCorps members perform. Each program is responsible for recruiting their own members and each program has its own application process and timeline.

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AmeriCorps Programs in Colorado

AmeriCorps *State Programs

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Speaking for Ourselves is the state umbrella organization of People First groups, whose purpose is to help empower people with developmental disabilities. AmeriCorps members will serve as advisors to Speaking for Ourselves of Colorado and People First clients and chapters across the state to bring the message all parts of Colorado.

- *Participants will be recruited for placements in Denver, Alamosa, Pueblo, Greeley and Glenwood Springs. This is an Education Award Only program.*

Adams County School District No. 14 CARENET (COMMUNITY ACTION ON READING AND EDUCATION NETWORK)

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CARENET AmeriCorps members provide comprehensive literacy tutoring for Commerce City students and families, ages preschool through adult, resulting in measurable gains in literacy levels of students and their families. In addition, the program will provide quality out-of-school time activities for at-risk children and youth in elementary and middle schools.

- *Full-time positions. The program year begins in the fall.*

City and County of Denver COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH IN TRANSITION

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AmeriCorps members will support the development of local community partnerships to meet the needs of youth between the ages of 16 and 21 who are transitioning into self-sufficiency. Members provide comprehensive mentoring services tailored to meet the needs of individual youth who are transitioning out of the child welfare system (those aging out of the foster care system) and emancipated youth.

- *Full-time positions in Colorado across the Front Range. The program year begins in the fall.*

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado, Inc.
THE BIG LITERACY CORPS

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AmeriCorps members will serve in a multi-tiered mentoring/tutoring project in the metro area, serving youth through the pairing of high school mentors with elementary age children resulting in an improvement of literacy skills in the young children and providing a positive volunteer experience for the older youth.

- *Full-time positions. The program year begins in the fall.*

Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver
OPERATION JUMPSTART AMERICORPS

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Operation JumpStart AmeriCorps seeks to increase school readiness skills and health awareness of high-risk children, ages infancy to twelve, and to increase parenting and life skills among families served in Catholic Charities Child Care Centers in Denver, and Greeley.

Full-time positions. The program year begins in the fall.

Colorado Parent and Child Foundation
COLORADO HIPPYCORPS

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HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) AmeriCorps members provide a home-based, peer delivered, early intervention program that helps parents provide educational enrichment in pre-literacy and health issues for their pre-school aged children, ages three, four, and five. Areas of operation include Denver (north, northeast, and northwest), Jefferson County, Alamosa, Conejos and Costilla counties.

- *Participants will be recruited primarily from existing HIPPY parents, already residents of targeted neighborhoods. Members serve in a part-time capacity. The program year begins in the fall.*

Colorado Department of Education
COLORADO MENTORS ON THE MOVE

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The Colorado Mentors on the Move AmeriCorps members reduce the educational and basic needs barriers for homeless students, preschool to 12th grade. This program will place members in school-based and community-based programs serving homeless children and families to provide basic needs supplies, mentoring, tutoring, and transportation for children/youth and assist parents with resource information. The program operates in school districts and homeless service agencies in multiple counties.

- *Currently recruiting in the following counties: Pueblo, Denver, Boulder, Adams, Arapahoe, Mesa, Montrose, Larimer and Weld. Program year begins in fall. This is an AmeriCorps Education Award Only Program.*

Colorado Youth Corps Association
COLORADO YOUTH CORPS ASSOCIATION

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The Colorado Youth Corps Association engages AmeriCorps members throughout Colorado in meaningful environmental service activities. Members perform conservation service projects for public agencies across the state with considerable positive impact. Members recruit and utilize local volunteers to help carryout these projects, leaving lasting visible benefits and strengthening the ethic of service among Colorado's young people.

- *Part-time and reduced part-time service positions. This is an AmeriCorps Education Award Only Program. Contact information can be viewed at www.cyca.org. This is a youth corps program for members ages 16-25. 16 year olds must be out-of-school youth. Program year start dates vary from site to site.*

Employment Services of Weld County
WELD COUNTY YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

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AmeriCorps members perform valuable service projects that meet both environmental and educational needs for urban and rural communities in Weld County, Colorado, leaving lasting visible benefits that would otherwise not be provided. Projects include habitat restorations, tree planting, neighborhood clean-up, improving access to parks for persons with disabilities, and community beautification projects. Member will work with elementary students one day per week during the school year. Members serve on team under the direction of a Team Leader.

- *Full- time positions within a youth corps model for members ages 17-25. The program year begins in the fall.*

Mesa State College
MESA STATE COLLEGE AMERICORPS PROJECT

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Mesa State College AmeriCorps Project helps local nonprofit agencies meet their goals of assisting at-risk youth throughout Mesa County. Members are involved in a variety of activities from tutoring youth in alternative school settings, to mentoring foster children, to providing after school and summer programs to middle schoolers. MSC AmeriCorps members work with restorative justice programs, teen mothers, youth in detention and abused and neglected children and youth.

Full-time and part-time positions. The program year begins in fall.

Pikes Peak Nonprofit Partnership
COLORADO AMERICORPS PROMISE FELLOWS

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A partnership between AmeriCorps and America's Promise, the Promise Fellow mission is to provide more resources for Colorado youth. Promise Fellows serve in local nonprofit, educational or governmental host agencies throughout Colorado.

- *Participants will be recruited by local host site agencies (one per site-not crew based). Sites change each program year. Current sites include Denver, Victor, Colorado Springs, Montrose, Westminster and Woodland Park. Fellows serve in a full-time capacity for twelve months. The program year begins in late December.*

Project YES
LAFAYETTE SERVICE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

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Project YES conducts after-school and summer programs for youth in Lafayette. The Lafayette Service-Learning Partnership (LSLP) is an initiative of Project YES that engages students, educators, parents and community members in service learning. AmeriCorps members working with the LSLP will be service-learning coordinators for these programs, engaging K-12 students in educational service activities through partnerships with community organizations.

- *Participants will be recruited for part-time placements in Lafayette. This is an Education Award Only program.*

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES MENTORING PROGRAM

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Healthy Lifestyles Mentoring Program AmeriCorps members serve as mentors in two capacities: school-based mentoring (tutoring low-achieving middle school students and providing after-school activities that promote healthy lifestyles); and youth corps mentoring (working with youth corps members in three conservation corps programs doing environmental service projects and service learning activities). The program will focus its operations in Routt County as well as serving northwest Colorado.

This is a youth corps for members between the ages of 16-25. Full and part-time positions. The program year begins in August for full-time participants and in May for part-time participants.

Year One, Inc.
MILE HIGH YOUTH CORPS

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The Mile High Youth Corps engages full-time and part-time AmeriCorps members in team-based projects. The project addresses the issues of environmental conservation and restoration, hunger and homelessness, community improvement, and affordable housing. Corps members will complete service projects for community project sponsors. The typical day for AmeriCorps members will vary based on the service projects.

- *This is a youth corps for members between the ages of 17-24. Part-time positions begin in the summer. Full-time positions begin in the spring.*



**National AmeriCorps Programs with
Placements in Colorado**

Catholic Network of Volunteer Service
CNVS/AEAP

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The Catholic Network of Volunteer Service/AmeriCorps Education Awards Program (CNVS/AEAP), funded by the Corporation for National Service, is a network of faith-based programs which serves people in the areas of public safety, basic human needs, education, and the environment, with a special emphasis on working with youth and the poor. CNVS/AEAP is part of the national service movement currently engaging Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to address our nation's most critical problems.

- *CONTACT CNVS FOR RECRUITMENT INFORMATION.*

Colorado Campus Compact
INTERMOUNTAIN WEST – UCAN AMERICORPS PROGRAM

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AmeriCorps members tutor and mentor K-12 children in communities throughout the region, serve in community-based organizations on human needs issues, and serve in public and safety organizations. Colorado partners include Fort Lewis College, Regis University, Colorado State University at Pueblo, University of CO at Boulder, University of CO at Denver, University of CO at Colorado Springs, University of Denver, Community College of Aurora, Lamar Community College, Mesa State College, Trinidad State Junior College, Colorado College, Colorado Christian University, Colorado Mountain College, Front Range Community College, Red Rocks Community College, Naropa University, University of Northern CO, and Colorado State University. *Members are recruited by participating colleges. Part-time and reduced part-time opportunities available. This is an AmeriCorps Education Award Only Program. The program year begins in fall*

Council of Great City Schools
URBAN EDUCATION SERVICE CORPS

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The Council of Great City Schools centers on the improvement of public education in the inner cities nationwide through advocacy, technical assistance, and research and information. AmeriCorps members are trained to be tutors, mentors, and teachers. Members teach reading and math skills by assisting in classrooms, tutor, and mentor at-risk youth of all ages in after school and summer programs.

- *Part-time positions. The program year begins in the fall.*

Eagle Rock School
PUBLIC ALLIES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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Eagle Rock is a tuition-free residential high school that serves a diverse group of young people (ages 15-21) from across the country who have not succeeded in conventional schools. The school's curriculum focuses on how people learn, and emphasizes active learning, community service, environmentalism, outdoor education, and traditional academic subjects. Participants in this program will gain skills that will make them effective teachers, leadership trainers, and youth workers.

- *Full-time positions. Program year begins in fall.*

Equal Justice Works
AMERICORPS SUMMER CORPS PROGRAM

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Since 1998, Equal Justice Works has operated the Summer Corps Program. The Summer Corps Program provides law students with the opportunity to earn a \$1,000 education award voucher for spending the summer interning at a qualifying nonprofit, public interest group.

- *Contact Equal Justice for recruitment information.*
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Habitat for Humanity
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF METRO DENVER AMERICORPS PROGRAM

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Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical housing ministry that works in partnership with low-income families to eliminate substandard housing by building simple, decent affordable homes. Members learn construction skills, assist in the construction of homes, and provide volunteer supervision and leadership on the construction sites. One member acts as a faith relations coordinator and works to strengthen partnerships with the faith community.

- *Full-time positions. The program year begins in August.*

Hope Worldwide, Ltd.
HOPEWORLDWIDE AMERICORPS PROGRAM

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Denver members will be mentoring and tutoring in the HOPE worldwide After-School and Saturday Academy Programs as well as providing healthy lifestyles education on various issues including HIV/AIDS, lead poison prevention and immunization. Volunteer recruitment, training, coordination and management will also be a significant focus. HOPE *worldwide* is a nonprofit charity headquartered in Philadelphia, with operations in 75 nations. A faith-based charity founded in 1991 by the International Churches of Christ, its non-sectarian programs serve disadvantaged children and the elderly, provide education, and deliver medical services.

- *Contact Hope Worldwide for recruitment information.*

Immigration and Refugee Services of America
CITIZENSHIP AMERICORPS

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AmeriCorps members will work to establish and expand programs to help immigrants become active participants in their local communities, and will collaborate with local communities to support immigrants as they address barriers to naturalization.

Full-time positions. The program year begins in the fall.

National Association of Community Health Centers
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY PROVIDER NETWORK (MCPN) HEALTHCORPS

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MCPN is a group of community-based health clinics and programs that provide a variety of health-related and medical services to low-income, underserved populations. Health Corps members provide services such as teen pregnancy prevention, infant mortality reduction, homeless outreach and referral services, birth coaching, diabetes and asthma self-management, linking primary care patients to other health and social service organizations. On a national level, MCPN is affiliated with the National Association of Community Health Centers, which works with community health programs across the country.

National Association of Community Health Centers
PLAN DE SALUD DEL VALLE, INC. HEALTHCORPS

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Plan Del Salud is a network of community-based health clinics serving five counties in northeastern Colorado.

Health Corps members provide outreach services to educate immigrant and resident Hispanic parents about the benefits of Medicaid and CHP+ and to actively enroll eligible children in these programs. On a national level, Plan Del Salud is affiliated with the National Association of Community Health Centers, which works with community health programs across the country.

- *Full-time positions. The program year begins in the fall.*

National Wildlife Federation
COLORADO WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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Denver-based Colorado Wildlife Federation will support one full-time AmeriCorps member who will recruit, train and support a base of volunteers to complete habitat restoration projects at community sites.

- *Program year begins in the fall.*

Notre Dame Mission Volunteers
BOULDER "I HAVE A DREAM" AMERICORPS

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The "I Have a Dream" Foundation of Boulder County is a school drop-out prevention program that helps children from low-income areas become successful adults by providing a long-term program of mentoring, tutoring and enrichment, with an assured opportunity for higher education.

- *Full-time positions. The program year begins in the fall.*



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The AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) members pledge themselves to serve on a full-time basis for a term of one year. During their term of service, members live at the economic level of people they serve. They remain available for service, without regard to regular working hours. The AmeriCorps*VISTA members combine existing community resources with their own skills and experience to perform duties/activities in five primary issue areas: children/youth, literacy, asset development, seniors in poverty and homeland security. Sites change each year.

- *Open recruitment. Full-time positions.*



Corporation for National and Community Service AmeriCorps*NCCC

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AMERICORPS*NCCC

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AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, residential national service program. The Denver Campus serves 17 states, so members travel throughout the program year. NCCC members serve a term of 10 months, during which they restore wetlands, tutor school children, construct homes for low-income families, provide disaster relief and recovery, and do many other important projects that make a difference in communities across the nation. Transportation, meals, housing, uniforms, living allowance, and limited health care are provided. The application deadline and process is set at the national level.

- *Members must be between the ages of 18 and 24. Full-time residential positions only. The Denver Campus program year begins in January.*

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